

Serial No.: 10/798,131  
Response to Restriction Requirement  
Gibbons Docket No.: 105942-53917  
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Group II - Claims 74-78 directed to a process for benzylating the phenolic hydroxyl groups of catechin or epicatechin, classified in class 549, subclass 453+;

Group III - Claims 79-83 directed to a process for preparing a branched procyanidin trimer, classified in class 549, subclass 406+; and

Group IV - Claims 84-89 drawn to an additional process for preparing a procyanidin dimer, classified in class 549, subclass 441.

Applicant elects with traverse Claims 59-73 of Group I.

It is respectfully pointed out that it would not be an undue burden for the Examiner to examine Claims 84-89 of Group IV with Claims 59 -73 of Group I. The claims only differ in the presence of the protecting groups on the phenolic hydroxyl groups of the dimers of Group I and in the absence of such groups on the phenolic hydroxyl groups of the dimers of Group IV. Steps (a) to (c) of the Group I claims are the same as steps (a) to (c) of the Group IV claims. The only different step is the final deprotecting step in the Group IV claims. A thorough search of both subclass 406 and 441 should be carried out.

Please note that in the accompanying Amendment the claims of Groups II and III have been canceled.

**C. Correspondence and Fees**

The requisite fees for a large entity two month extension of time should be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3839.

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